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SUBJ: EGYPT ALLEGEDLY CHALLENGING BUFFER ZONE CONCEPT

REF: TEL AVIV 4700

1. THERE IS NOTHING NEW ABOUT GOE CONTENTION THAT US

BUFFER ZONE (AS WELL AS OTHER OCCUPIED PARTS OF SINAI)  
IS SOVEREIGN EGYPTIAN TERRITORY. EGYPTIANS HAVE BEEN  
MAKING THIS CLAIM TO US NOT FOR LAST FEW WEEKS, BUT FOR  
YEARS. ESTABLISHMENT OF BUFFER ZONE AFTER SINAI I AND  
II DID NOT IN ANY WAY CHANGE THIS GOE POSITION. AT  
TIMES EGYPTIAN OFFICIALS CARRY THIS TO A POINT WHERE  
THEY CLAIM EITHER (A) THAT UNEF HAS NO RIGHT TO REGULATE  
ENTRY INTO BUFFER ZONE FROM EITHER SIDE OR (B) THAT  
UNEF'S SOLE AUTHORITY TO CONTROL ENTRY INTO BUFFER ZONE  
DERIVES FROM GOE ACQUIESCENCE NECESSITATED BY CIRCUM-  
STANCES OF SITUATION IN SINAI. UNEF HAS JUST AS REGULARLY  
IGNORED THIS GOE CONTENTION WITHOUT, HOWEVER, FORMALLY  
CHALLENGING EGYPTIAN CLAIM THAT SINAI IS SOVEREIGN  
EGYPTIAN TERRITORY.

2. GOE CONTINUES SEEK OPPORTUNITIES TO APPLY THIS  
EGYPTIAN POSITION. ONE OF THESE HAS BEEN CLAIM THAT  
NON-MILITARY EGYPTIAN PRESENCE IN BUFFER ZONE SHOULD  
NOT BE REGULATED. AS SEEN FROM HERE, GOE WILL TRY TO

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PUSH THE IDEA TO MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE, BUT WILL IN

FINAL ANALYSIS BE PREPARED TO ACCEPT LIMITATIONS DICTATED  
BY SITUATION ON THE GROUND. IN DOING SO, GOE WILL NOT  
REGARD THIS AS NEGATING ITS SOVEREIGNTY CLAIM.

3. MAGDUB HAD EARLIER TOLD  
US GAMASY REFUSED ANOTHER  
JOINT COMMISSION MEETING UNTIL TRANSIT AND PRISONER  
ISSUES RESOLVED (CAIRO 8935). THIS COULD WELL BE A PLOY  
TO AWAIT SIILASVUO'S RETURN. GAMASY HAS CONSIDERABLE

CONFIDENCE IN SIILASVUO'S SKILL AND MAY WELL BELIEVE  
JC MEETINGS STAND BETTER CHANCE OF SUCCESS WHEN  
SIILASVUO IS AROUND.  
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